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Northampton Town will be playing football in League One next season after one of the most momentous periods in the club's 119-year history.

A 2-2 draw against Bristol Rovers on Saturday was enough to secure promotion for the Cobblers who are likely to be crowned League Two champions in the next couple of weeks barring unexpected disasters.

Only a few months ago, Northampton were on the brink of administration and in danger of letting all the good work Chris Wilder and

his players were doing on the pitch go to waste.

But since Kelvin Thomas completed his takeover of the Cobblers in November, everyone has been pulling in the same direction and the Shoe Army can now look forward to League One football next season, with a first league title since the 1986/87 campaign surely on the way.

The 2015-16 season will be remembered for all sorts of reasons.

The announcement that a new stand was to be built with money loaned from the council was warmly welcomed.

But it turned into a saga that resulted in a police investigation, administration orders hanging over the club and the end of the Cardoza family's long association with the club.

The season also saw the sad passing of one of Teyn's legendary fans, Brian Lomax.

He had played

a part in the groundbreaking fan-led buyout of the Cobblers that had saved the club in the past and died this season before Kelvin Thomas' takeover made them safe again.

When you add in the extraordinary spectacle of a game going on while a pub overlooking the ground burned down, the revelation that global basketball star Shaquille O'Neal is a Cobblers fan and that former Northampton hero Adebayo Akinfenwa helped put promotion beyond doubt with a goal for Wimbledon, simple statistics like the club's longest unbeaten run almost pale into insignificance.

■ Cobblers fans react p9

■ Special promotion report in sport

"It just shows what this football club means to the people of Northampton"

Chris Wilder

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#snapjustice



#Snapjustice knows that everyone has got an excuse and they all stink. This picture was sent in by an angry reader of a car parked on the junction of Boughton Green Road with Lockwood Close, in Kingsthorpe. The bad parking made

it very difficult for drivers to get past.

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Where is your favourite spot in the world?

Can I say Diagon Alley? No? Okay, one second. Erm... Kings Cross Station.

If Michella was a drink what drink would she be?

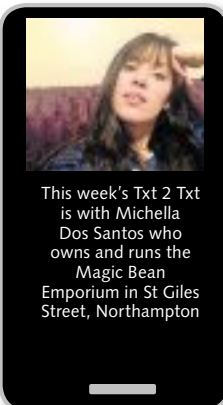
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What is your favourite sandwich?

Hmm...something with avocado.

Are you superstitious?

Not really, but I do touch wood and hesitate before walking under a ladder.



This week's Txt 2 Txt is with Michella Dos Santos who owns and runs the Magic Bean Emporium in St Giles Street, Northampton

What song makes you cry or get you emotional?

Goo Goo Dolls - Iris

What was the name of your teddy bear when you were a child

I remember having a doll called Cece and a 'Business Executive' Barbie

What are your favourite pair of shoes and why?

My Converse or New Balance - comfort is key! I also have those 'I need a sexy pair of heels,' kinda days.

What is the one thing you have lost and want back?

I will try keep this answer light... I guess time with people I have lost.

Editor's Letter



The tax scandal is shocking because it just isn't shocking...

I would be surprised if all this political hoo-ha over tax results in a resignation. With the European referendum approaching it will take more than a silver bullet to dislodge David Cameron.

What if that let in Boris Johnson, currently for leaving, to lead his party and the nation into the most important vote of the century so far?

It could actually happen. We could actually be out.

I know more than a handful of people who would vote for Britain to leave the EU because it would be funny. Boris is their natural leader.

But even if the tax issue does not bring about the downfall of David Cameron, the idea of a wealthy elite hiding their treasure from the treasury is pretty toxic, especially to the austerity crusade.

Palpably, we are not all in it together.

In fact, not all being in it together is a pretty essential ingredient for capitalism. The phrase 'We are all in it together' should never be accepted as the literal truth and certainly should not pass mus-

If they say we are all in it together, ask what we are in and how deep we are in it

ter as political thinking.

If someone says it to you in relation to cutting services or benefits, you must ask them to explain what we are in and how deep we are in it.

No-one is surprised any more to hear about shady offshore accounts and one of the pleasantly uncontrollable surprises of the digital age, is that we are getting to hear about them.

Perhaps the most shocking aspect of the revelations is that we are not shocked.

We are not surprised but we are angry.

The poor are back on our streets. Fix the tax system and pay your share before you tell us there is no money to look after them.

Steve Scoles

What do you think?

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Crash death

A man has died after his car collided with an oncoming vehicle on the opposite carriageway in Daventry. The crash happened on the A361 in Byfield, on April 4. The man, 52, died of his injuries in hospital on Monday.

Road repairs

'Surface dressing' will be carried out on 23 roads in the county this month - leading to six-hour road closures. This type of road repair adds a layer of protection to roads. Find a full list of roads being treated this month online.

Stranger alert

Police are appealing after a man wearing a bandana chased a girl, aged 12, while she was playing in Northampton. The incident happened on Sunday in Narrow Boat Lane, Pineham Locks.

Bus changes

Bus company Stagecoach has made changes to 10 of its bus routes in Northampton - including one which will see Whittlebury village no longer being served.

You can find a full list of the changes online.

Knife threat

A man was pushed against a wall with a knife held to his throat during an attempted robbery outside the NISA shop in Kingsthorpe, Northampton, on March 30. He was demanded to hand his bag over, but the man left empty handed.



STOPPED IN TRACKS: The loud bang left a shocked Amanda Drage fearing the worst

'I thought bang was a bomb!'

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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This is the dramatic moment a mum thought she heard a terrorist attack in Northampton - but it turned out to be a sonic boom caused by two jets breaking the sound barrier.

Shocked Amanda Drage, 37, of Moulton, was taking two-year-old daughter Billie-Jane for a pony lesson in Overstone when two Typhoon jets flew overhead.

The huge booming sound was caught on video - which Amanda

initially believed was a terrorist attack.

It was captured on video last Friday at a small holding where Amanda keeps horses.

In the 38-second video - shot by her friend Laura Brawn - the mum could be heard saying 'What the hell was that?' as a loud thudding sound echoed in the sky.

Laura, 30, from Sywell, told the H&P: "We just heard this huge explosion - the ground shook and the horses ran away."

"I thought it was either a bomb or a gas explosion - it was really scary."

The pair then locked up

the stables and went home to their families to check that they were ok.

"We thought there would be some casualties from it," she said. "We didn't realise it was a sonic boom until later when it was on Facebook."

The loud bang, which could be heard across Northants, sparked widespread panic on social media, with many reporting that it shook their homes.

But it emerged the jets had been scrambled from RAF Coningsby, Lincolnshire, to intercept an unresponsive private jet.

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Body identified



A body found next to the A43 in Thorplands, Northampton in January is that of a man who went missing for more than two years, police have confirmed.

The body is of Adeyemi Olugbuyi, 32, who was last seen in the area after an altercation.

Hospital fire no.2



Over 20 firefighters battled the second fire in just over a week at the former St Edmunds Hospital in Northampton last Sunday night. The blaze - which was the biggest of the two - took hold in the roof from 10pm, and led to thick smoke pouring out of the building. Five crews attended and quickly had the fire under control.

Danger of sharing on social media

Lawrence John finds out how holiday snaps could be the key to making you a victim of crime

Northamptonshire Police's Cyber Crime Unit has a message for residents who are set to go on holiday and want to share their experiences live on Facebook or Twitter - don't do it.

Every year, thousands of people from the county go on holiday and instantly start posting pictures of themselves and their family at the airport and on holiday - making sure to add they will be away from home for two weeks.

They might as well leave the keys in the front door and turn the alarm off as family or friends may not be the only ones watching.

Social media is very much part of our lives and people are tweeting and adding items to Facebook every hour of the day, but do they think about who can identify them and find out where they live just by looking at their posts.

The clues are all there, criminals only have to put the pieces together like a

jigsaw and can easily work it out from your tweets or words and pictures on Facebook.

DC Steve Watkins, from the force's cyber unit, said people do not differentiate between their real lives and cyber space and do not think twice about posting on Facebook or Twitter.

He thinks people should take more time and consider about what they are posting and when as once you put something on the internet it will stay there forever.

DC Watkins said: "You need to check your privacy settings are up to date especially if you are going away for a considerable amount of time. If you are away for a long period you might invalidate your home insurance as you are supposed to do everything you can to make sure your home is safe and you have taken responsible care."

Telling people you are on holiday and posting pictures to prove it on



CYBER CRIME: Who is watching you?

Facebook is not part of being responsible."

DC Watkins added: "If your social media accounts are open the more people can see them. If you have 1,000 or 2,000 friends on Facebook then they can all see your posts."

"You should carry out an MOT of your privacy settings to make sure they

are what you want. You do not want to make yourself vulnerable which could lead to identity theft."

"You need to think about the pictures you put on social media."

"Do you take pictures of your car?"

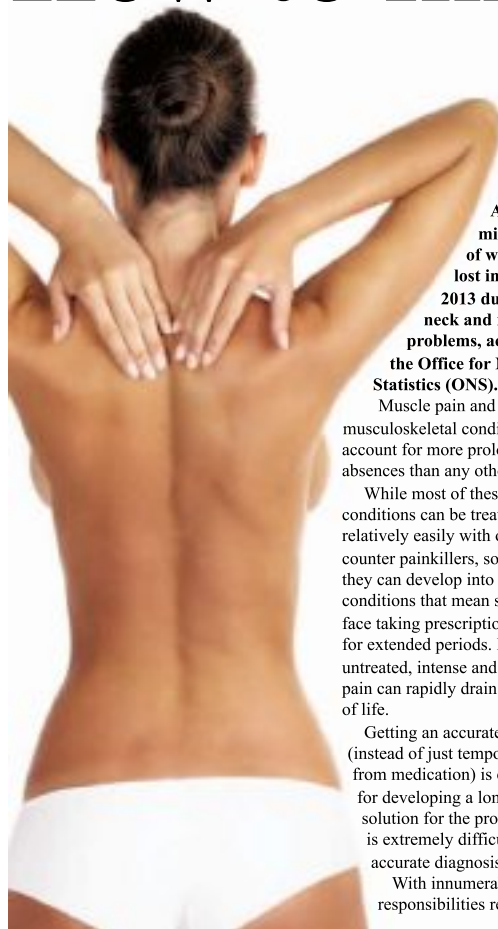
"Do they show the number plate? Can people identify where you live?"

"You do not need to have the GPS turned on your phone so you should turn it off."

DC Watkins said his top tips are to check your security settings, do not share holiday snaps while you are on holiday, do not have your GPS turned on and always think about what you tweet or Facebook.

How to find long-term relief from muscle pain

Advertisement Feature



Almost 31 million days of work were lost in the UK in 2013 due to back, neck and muscle problems, according to the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

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While most of these conditions can be treated relatively easily with over-the-counter painkillers, sometimes they can develop into chronic conditions that mean sufferers face taking prescription medicine for extended periods. Left untreated, intense and persistent pain can rapidly drain the joy out of life.

Getting an accurate diagnosis (instead of just temporary relief from medication) is essential for developing a long-term solution for the problem, but it is extremely difficult to get an accurate diagnosis.

With innumerable responsibilities requiring

more urgent attention than just "muscle pain" the NHS just isn't set up to find out what is really wrong. The typical tests, if you're given any at all, just don't pick up the problem that's causing the muscle pain. And in those cases all you're left with is weak advice like "you're just not stretching enough" or "maybe we can try some stronger medication".

You might get lots of other advice as well, all of which is just as deeply flawed, and you're likely to get something different from every healthcare provider that you speak to. They all have their own opinions.

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- 2** Two major canals, the Oxford and the Grand Union join at Braunston
- 3** Northamptonshire has seven competitive swimming clubs
- 4** There are seven colleges across the county and one university
- 5** Seven borough/district councils cover 15 towns in the county



Warning over fake water board scam

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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The latest in a string of distraction burglaries has sparked a police warning to people not to open their doors to strangers.

Last Friday afternoon, a resident in Goldings, Northampton, became the latest victim of this type of crime.

A trickster called at his house pretending to be from the 'water board'.

He claimed he needed to check the water supply due to a problem with the pipes and so the man let him in.



After doing so, the victim then heard noises upstairs and shortly afterwards saw three other men running out of the property.

This incident is the latest in

a spate of distraction burglaries across Northampton, Wellingborough and Kettering in recent months, and officers are urging locals never to open the door to anyone they are not expecting.

Police are also advising:

- Make sure you can see who is at the door before you answer it – if you don't know who it is, don't answer it.
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Adrian Richards



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The song that the band played as we left our wedding

🎵 **Baby Bird - You're Beautiful**

Song that was playing about the time my first daughter was born

🎵 **Lily Allen - Alfie**

Name of my son

🎵 **Bobby Brown - Mika**

Reminds me of a family holiday in Portugal

🎵 **Les Miserables - On My Own**

My other daughter and son's favourite shower singing song

Boy band's birthday celebrations



Blue's bash

Members of the boy band Blue got together in Northampton last Thursday to celebrate their pal Duncan James's birthday. Lee Ryan and Simon Webbe took Duncan to the Au-ra bar on Gold Street for a party to celebrate his 38th birthday. They had been watching Duncan earlier in the evening acting on stage in a show at the Royal & Derngate theatre. This picture, by Darren Lee of 4d media photography, was taken during the party at Au-ra. You can see more online.

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Fan wakes up from op asking about Cobblers

BY STEVE SCOLES
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Cobblers fan Steve Riches missed seeing his beloved Northampton Town clinch promotion after he was rushed into hospital for emergency surgery - but he woke up from the op asking about the game.

Just hours before the Bristol game at Sixfields Steve was hit by crippling stomach pain. He then had to undergo lifesaving surgery to replace a section of his bowel due after peritonitis was diagnosed.

However there was only one thing on his mind as the anaesthetic wore off - he returned to consciousness mumbling about needing to get to the Cobblers game.

The only trouble was Steve was on an Easter family break in Mallorca and had missed his scheduled flight back to the UK.

He said: "We had to depend on Twitter, texts and the BBC website to keep up with Saturday's drama. Thank goodness (my wife) Kate has gained so many new followers on Twitter because of her tweets about the Cobblers."

"What a wonderful positive irony that our ex-player Adebayo Akinfenwa's late goal for Wimbledon against Plymouth has sent us into League One. It was a very emotional



THUMBS UP: Steve and Chris Riches

moment for the two of us as we sat alone instead of celebrating at Sixfields.

"Our 15 year old son Chris had flown back and was in the midst of it all. We were looking forward to a great week end away together at Exeter with the Sixfields Travel Club at a good hotel in convivial company but sadly we cannot be there. Time will tell if we can get to the other games. There is a lot to look forward to, and I am so grateful to be alive. Up the Cobblers!"

Steve is a lifelong Cobblers fan and has written about the club as a freelance journalist and as a loyal supporter. He had rightly predicted that Bristol would be the key game in the promotion push and had planned his holiday around it.

He said: "The holiday in Mallorca was booked to allow us back home in time for the big Cobblers' home game v. Bristol Rovers. We flew out Tues 29th March for 10 days so we knew we had to miss the Notts County game on 2nd April but we reckoned on Sat 9th v Bristol being the promotion game."

"HOWEVER...huge pains in abdomen late Friday. We grabbed the passport and EHC medical card for EU reciprocal health treatment and Kate drove me to Son Espases hospital in Palma. The service was magnificent, fast-tracked through as soon as our first doctor diagnosed an emergency. Three scans, one x-ray and then it was 'Sign here, you need emergency surgery.'"

"Time only to text close family and hold Kate's hand. Three hours later, surgery had finished and I was in recovery a further 3 hours before being taken to my hospital bed. A massive worry for Kate and it was such a relief to be back together."

"The operation left a scary 10 inch vertical scar, part of my bowel was removed and the ends joined and a titanium tube was added - the surgeon also repaired a hernia as an extra! We are convinced I'd have had a different outcome if it had not been for the excellent facilities in Palma. I'll be voting to stay in the EU after this experience!"

BLOG EXTRA

'Amazing story is best I have reported on'



If you ask me what is the best story I have reported on during my time at the H&P - then without a doubt, this is it.

From the brink of administration, to being promoted to League One, Northampton Town have arguably become the best story of English football this season.

Just last week, the Cobblers pulled off a draw at home in front of their biggest crowd since 1987 - to make them the first Football League side to win promotion this season.

But just five months ago, the 119-year-old club were just six days from the edge - millions of pounds in debt, unable to pay staff, and on the verge of going out of business.

Yet somehow, the Shoe Army has risen from the claret ashes to have one of their most memorable seasons ever.

So forget Leicester City, Northampton are the ones to watch this year!

You can read Nicholas Bieber's full blog online.



HEARTWARMING MOMENT: Defender David Buchanan celebrated promotion with Eldean Christie on the pitch at Sixfields after the Cobblers secured promotion

Autistic fan's 'thank you' for celebration

This is the moment a Northampton Town player embraced a fan with special needs and celebrated promotion - a picture which now hangs on the fan's bedroom wall.

Eldean Christie, who has severe autism, joined the thousands of fans pouring onto the pitch at Sixfields last Saturday, after the Cobblers won promotion.

The 34-year-old had

rushed over to defender David Buchanan, when the player threw his arm around him and cheered along.

The heart-warming moment was captured in a picture, and when it was shown to the manager of Alderwood LLA - a local care home for young people with autism where Eldean lives - it prompted him to send a thank you letter to the club.

"I want to say a massive

thank you to David Buchanan," manager John Martin said, "who took the time to celebrate with our young person when he noticed that he had staff with him and he had special needs."

"This really made this young person's day."

Eldean also handwrote a letter himself, saying: "Thank you for celebrating with me."

Club's success reaches New York Times

The story of Northampton Town's phenomenal season has made it into the New York Times - with the newspaper comparing

their success to that of Premier League table toppers Leicester City.

In an article which was printed on Tuesday in its International edition,

the NYT pinned the Cobblers' success on having 'a will to survive' and said the club has achieved as much as Leicester has done.

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ROYAL THANKS: Cllr Matthew Golby with Steve and Jenny and the letter of commendation

Royal seal of approval for caring county couple

A Northampton couple who have been foster carers for 30 years have received a special letter of commendation from the Duchess of Cambridge, Kate Middleton.

Steve and Jenny Harris, of Northampton, have fostered around 150 children and young people since they were

approved as Northamptonshire County Council foster carers in 1986.

Steve said: "We didn't know what to expect when we saw the envelope with the Kensington Palace seal on it and it was a lovely surprise to open the letter."

"We really don't seek publicity for what we do

but it is incredibly nice to be acknowledged. If it encourages other people to look into fostering, that can only be a good thing."

County council cabinet member for families Cllr Matthew Golby wrote to the Duchess of Cambridge, and was delighted to receive a letter of thanks for

Steve and Jenny, which he hand-delivered to them last week.

Cllr Golby said: "We know fostering is close to Kate's heart and she has supported a number of fostering events in recent months, so we wanted to bring to her attention Steve and Jenny's 30 years of fostering."

Grand scale plans set to be revealed

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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Plans for a major office block, a new car park for the railway station and 100 council homes are among a set of 'grand scale' projects unveiled this week.

The multi-million pound schemes, which will form the latest round of changes as part of the Northampton Alive regeneration project, will be announced today by the borough council at an event at Franklin's Gardens.

But hopes for the authority to reveal the top proposals for the town's Greyfriars site - once home to the 'Mouth of Hell' former bus station - will not go ahead as planned.

Instead, the council will take a longer look at the plans and reveal the ideas this summer, with the final decision being made in autumn.

However, the leader of the authority, Cllr Mary Markham, has promised that whatever happens, the finished product will be an 'asset' to the town, and that the artist's impressions she has seen so far are 'absolutely stunning'.

Among the developments being announced today is a 60,000sq ft 'high quality' office block, which will



VISION: How the new office could look

accommodate 500 people and become the first in the town for more than 20 years.

The building will be located opposite the railway station and work will start - subject to planning permission - later this year, for completion by 2018.

At the railway station itself, plans for the long-awaited car park will finally take a step forward with work on a 1,550-space facility hoped to start later next year.

Also being unveiled are plans for the largest social housing development in the town for more than 20 years.

The 100 council houses for rent would be built on land at Dallington Grange, adjacent to the King's Heath estate. If the plans go ahead, work will start in early next year.

An update will also be announced on plans to link St James Mill with Towcester Road, with a proposal being submitted by Christmas - resulting in work also starting early next year.

The gas tower site next to the St Peters Way roundabout has been earmarked for commercial development, while work on the expansion of Northampton Museum will start next April with an idea for completion in August 2018.

Finally, a major bank is being lined up to move to the town, and a major American data firm is planning to move to a site on Edgar Mobbs Way.

Cllr Markham said: "I am extremely proud of what we have in Northampton. . . I think we have become used to development on such a grand scale that unless it's over the top then we don't see it as a way forward."

"I sent two councillors to a weekend training course last week and they had to do a mini regeneration project, and theirs was chosen as the best. The other councillors all over the country were in awe of what is happening in Northampton."

"They told them that we are very lucky in this town. I think sometimes we lose sight of that."

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@FeeBeFIT

Welcome to our regular feature where we invite people to tell us why we should follow them on Twitter. Tweet us @NorthamptonUK and you will see the best ones here.

Chloe Leighton tweeted via @FeeBeFIT: "I'm a friendly female personal trainer in Northants."

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BLOGGER OF THE WEEK A French Lesson in Tax

Tony Clarke

This week's Blogger of the Week is... Tony Clarke from the Northampton Green Party



From those on the minimum wage to the millionaire, we must all pay our taxes, it's as much a moral duty as it is a fiscal one.

It forms part of a social contract between citizen and state.

We all use the services of the state, its schools and hospitals, we all want our streets swept, all hope that some care (no matter how diminished) will be afforded to us and our loved ones when the need arises, and it must all be paid for.

"De chacun selon ses facultés, à chacun selon ses besoins" or as we know it "From each according to their ability to each according to their need." A noble, honourable sentiment, but then again not all amongst us are so noble or honourable.

It is for this reason so many were so angry at the Prime Minister's confessions over his past use of offshore company shares to increase his already substantial wealth.

He had admitted to breaking that social contract and he had tried to cover his tracks.

First it was 'a private matter' then he tried unsuccessfully to use the present tense (of not

currently having any shares in offshore trusts) to disguise his past behaviour.

And then when the truth finally outed he fell back on the excuse of only wishing to protect his father's memory.

All this told us is that tax dodging if not hereditary is certainly learned behaviour.

If a cleaner on the minimum wage can pay their due taxes in full then so should the Prime Minister, and so should we all, especially those who seek election or high office and thus present themselves to us for selection and election as model citizens.

This is why so many took to the streets in protest last weekend (and will do this).

The established media may have done its best to silence their voices but social media still gave them volume.

You see it turns out we are not 'all in it together' it seems hard times and austerity are only the lot of the hard working 'tax paying' majority.

The richest five per cent it seems have enough money to hire accountants and lawyers to ensure that what may still be immoral stays the right side of legal.

Your views



Readers react to second fire in a week at hospital

Last weekend we reported that more than 20 firefighters battled yet another fire at the former St Edmunds Hospital in Wellingborough Road, Northampton, the second in just over a week.

Here is how our readers on Facebook reacted:

ALAN SCOTT: Again? It's only been a couple of weeks since the last one. Start to invoice the owners. That will ramp up security

DEAN MARTIN: About time the council spent out and have that place ripped down. . . Surely it'll be cheaper then keep mobilising five fire crews everytime someone gets bored and sets fire to it

LOU LEADER: It will end up being knocked down at (this) rate. . . all the

promises of saving some of it I knew it would never happen looks like another car park

RACHAEL ROBERTS: Come on council do something before people die or are seriously injured

'Sod' surface dressing roads in Northants

Northants County Council announced last week it would be carrying out 'surface dressing' repairs on roads across Northants this summer.

This type of road repair effectively adds a new layer of protection onto roads, but one of our readers on Facebook wasn't too keen on the idea:

DEAN MARTIN: Sod the "surface dressing" resurface the bloody roads that need it the most!! Where I live there's about 20/30 small potholes very close together, yeah ok they

patched them up but after two/three weeks they are back and bigger. . . Simple just resurface the lot and be done with it

Shock and sadness at death of Mario continues

Tributes are still pouring in for a popular Northampton barber who died last week aged just 49.

Mario Harilaou, the owner of Andrew's Salon in St Giles Street, died 'peacefully' in his sleep, after 30 years of working at his salon.

Here is one Facebook tribute which was posted on the H&P page about Mario:

ADRIAN MARK: Stunned to hear this from my sister. For years, when I lived in the town, I happily sat in the chair at Andrew's Salon getting my hair cut and chatting merrily. Can't think of the town without him. A decent, hard working, lovely man who is so, so missed.

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Mystery donor's double promise

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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An anonymous donor has pledged to double every pound that is donated to the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance - sparking a new fundraising campaign.

For the first time ever the service is holding a campaign that promises to double donations, thanks to the mystery benefactor.

This means that for every £1 a supporter gives, the anonymous donor will donate a £1 - effectively doubling the value of every donation the life saving charity receives.

Victor Ferriday, fundraising coordinator for Northampton, said: "Being able to double our supporters' money is very exciting for us.

"We receive no government funding, so appeals like this are essential to keep our service running."

The campaign is being supported by former patient Daisy Rughoeber, from Fenny Compton, Warwickshire, who suffered a terrifying accident in December last year.

Daisy was walking down the stairs when she suddenly lost her footing, falling and hitting her head hard on the corner of a wooden radiator cover.

Immediately, parents Danny and Claire rushed to the scene. Daisy had a 10cm gash just above her eye, going all the way down to the bone.

Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance received the call at 3.02pm and were at the scene of the accident in just eight minutes.



SUPPORT: Daisy Rughoeber was helped by the air ambulance when she was injured following a fall

They cleaned and bandaged Daisy's wound, then flew her to University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire, where she was stitched back together by staff there.

Danny Rughoeber, Daisy's dad, said: "If you are in two minds about donating, I would say please do - especially as your gift will be doubled in this appeal. You just don't know when you might need the air ambulance. Just knowing they are coming is such a relief, and when they arrived it was like a team of saviours descending."

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FLORAL TRIBUTES: Kane Beard's colleagues have been laying flowers at their base in Daventry to remember a 'fallen brother'



Bin man is killed by his own truck

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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A sister has spoken of her heartbreak after losing 'not just my brother, but my best friend' - a bin man who last week died after being hit by his own truck in a Northants town.

Devastated Kelly Leeson has described her brother, Kane Beard, as a popular man - who was killed in the tragic incident last Friday while on a bin round in Daventry.

The 22-year-old refuse collector had been part of a four-man crew collecting bins and recycling boxes in the town's Ashby Road, when he was struck by the lorry at 9.40am.

Tributes have since flooded

in on social media for the young man, a former William Parker School student, with his colleagues describing their 'fallen brother' as 'beautiful inside and out'.

Friends and family have been paying touching tributes to Kane - who had one brother and two sisters - by leaving flowers on their bins, while his colleagues held a one-minute silence at 11am on Monday.

Bin collections were also postponed on the day of the tragedy as a 'mark of respect'.

Remembering her brother, Kelly said: "As a family we are devastated beyond words. I've lost not only my brother, but my best friend."

"As you can see, he was deeply loved by all and will be deeply missed."

"We are truly heartbroken as we lost our grandad on the Thursday and Kane on Friday, so my mum lost her dad and son within 24 hours."

Kane had been working for Daventry District Council's waste and recycling contractor, Amey.

Daventry District Council's Chief Executive, Ian Vincent, said: "This tragic incident has caused deep shock and distress among our colleagues at Amey and our thoughts are with them and Kane's family and friends during this sad and difficult time."

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive into what happened is ongoing, and police are still appealing for anyone with information to get in touch by calling 101.

The case of... Steve McQueen leading you to the good life



Lawrence John

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When is a lampshade not a lampshade? Answer - when it is on a clothes horse.

Oh my dear the riddle deepens. The lampshade is a fashion look and the clothes horse is a model or a fashion trend-setter.

Darlings, the lampshade is the new look for the bright young things who are switched on and glowing to their maximum 40 watts.

The lampshade look involves wearing a short skirt or baggy jumper with boots which reach over the knee. This fashion combination creates a look like a lampshade. It is according to the papers I read 'the hottest fashion must have look this season'.

We have had planking, now lampshading. What next, drainpiping? This I guess would be a look where you are as thin as a rake, wear drainpipe jeans and a dark top

which makes you look like a human drain pipe. Darlings, you heard it hear first on the QT, on the hush hush so keep it under your hats and get on the drainpipe band wagon and get the look first.

The getting it first is all important as the world we are living in is getting faster.

Technology has turned from electronic into supersonic, computers are computing with speed and gusto and our patience wears thin if a website will not load after two seconds.

We now have predictive typing which literally predicts what words we are writing. Our thoughts are not secret anymore. Life I think has always been getting faster since the industrial revolution.

I am not a Luddite but how many of us yearn for the good life where we are self sufficient, do it ourselves in our own time and escape the proverbial rat race.

Technology may provide a faster pace of life but it means mistakes can be made even quicker and if you do not take your time they have greater impact.

I do not know how fast a rat can run in a race, but when it comes to rat racing back the one who has the same attitude as Steve McQueen, the one who is most likely to succeed in the Great Escape.

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Coach Garry is

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A Northampton expat living in Gibraltar has been made a coach of the country's national football team - after impressing with a string of successes at local clubs.

Garry Lowe, 31, who moved to 'The Rock' from Duston with his family nearly 16 years ago, kick-started his coaching ambitions on the British territory in 2012, taking local side Gibraltar Phoenix to the top division.

And in a hobby which started back at home, teaching children how to play football as part of Northampton Town's community project, Garry went on to coach Lincoln Red Imps' under 11s and adult squads.

Then just last year, the former Champion and Duston Upper School student made his first step into the national set up when he managed Gibraltar's national under sevens team in a mini-tournament which they went on to win.

But little did Garry - who has an FA Level 2 coaching certificate and supports the Cobblers - know that the win had caught the eye of



BIG BREAK: Garry Lowe, right, has been made a coach of the national Gibraltar football team

the Gibraltar senior squad's manager, ex-Brighton and Hove Albion boss Jeff Wood, who last month decided to invite him in for a chat.

To his shock, he was then asked if he would like to be one of the three coaches of the senior team, ahead of the squad's two international friendlies versus Liechtenstein and Latvia.

Overjoyed at the prospect of his hobby becoming an actual career, Garry accepted. "It was a great chance," he said. "At first I thought the manager meant I would be working with the youth team!"

"But when I realised it was

the senior team, I couldn't believe it. Obviously, I took the opportunity."

The coach then went on to help lead Gibraltar to an impressive 0-0 draw at home versus Liechtenstein two weeks ago, before a 5-0 loss - again at home - to Latvia several days later.

Looking back on the experience, Garry - who grew up in Harpole and now lives in Gibraltar with his wife and two daughters - said: "The experience was amazing! The step up from club level is a big difference."

"I was not the main coach there, so I was a bit reserved. As it's their baby, I didn't

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want to go into the set up treading on others' toes. So I just helped out in many ways with the lead up to games - training etc.

"Also I didn't want to give off an impression of 'I know everything' towards other coaches and players. But I learnt a lot from the manager and his assistant. And I gained that match-day experience which I wish I could experience more regularly."

Garry will now look forward to coaching the team when the next friendly approaches, having cemented his place in the squad.









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Boy has first fist bump with mum



LIFE CHANGING: Will fist bumps his mum Jo to mark the first use of his prosthetic left hand

A schoolboy who was born with no fingers on his left hand is about to have his life turned around. Reporter **NICHOLAS BIEBER** finds out how...

An eight-year-old boy from Northants who was born without a full left hand has 'fist-bumped' his mum for the very first time - with a new prosthetic hand.

William Joyner, from Paulerspury near Towcester, was born with no fingers on his left hand as a result of 'amniotic band syndrome', but just last week he tested an artificial hand.

And after giving a thumbs up using the bionic limb - which uses signals from the muscles in his arms - he now has to wait five months for a more durable version to be printed, until he can use it at home.

Will's mum Jo is 'over the moon', and says: "It means Will be able to do the same things as other children. He'll be able to do complex things like tie his laces but also simple activities like holding a drink in one hand and an ice lolly in the other."

"I can't thank these guys enough. What they're doing for William is life changing."

While testing the hand - created by a team of experts at the University of Bedfordshire - Will's mum and dad, Jo and Andy, were able to watch him hold a pen for the first time and draw a picture.

And as a budding footballer and Reading FC fan, Will is also looking forward to his



new hand being decked out in blue and white - tying in with the team's colours.

"But," said David Jazani, one of the experts, "we're also going to make a flesh coloured one just in case he changes his mind when he's older!"

Mr Jazani, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Computer Science and Technology, created the hand alongside Mark Hooper, a technician and demonstrator who is currently studying part-time for a PhD in Computer Science.

David added: "This will be an on-going project for the next 12 years while William grows. But we hope with the latest modifications he will be walking out of with a fully working hand in the next six months."



ESCAPE CLAWS: Steve Scoles was mixing it with the local dogs when he went bike riding in Spain

Training in Spain: clawed on the hilltop

On May 18 H&P Editor Steve Scoles will set out on the Cynthia Spencer London 2 Paris bike ride with four days to reach the capital of France, 300 miles.

This is the first phase: training and fundraising.

To sponsor his ride text CSLP90 £1 to 70070 or find his page on JustGiving.

There are various things I would do that Sir Bradley Wiggins would not when getting yourself in condition for a cycling event.

One of them is taking a nice boozy and foody family holiday in Spain.

I have settled into a routine of more or less a long ride, a short ride and a Thai Bo session at Mounts Gym as a basic template and I try to add in extra bits when I can.

But the family holiday was a chance to mix it up a bit so I hired a mountain bike for a day to see how it felt.

Walking to the shop left me dripping sweat and even tackling the short but very

steep trails back to the villa soon found me walking the bike rather than riding it.

Mountain biking was what originally appealed to me about getting back into cycling as an adult, and the countryside around the resort of Nerja just east of Malaga is probably the most genuinely mountainous landscape I have found myself cycling in.

I battled my way up a few gradients before working out a route along the coast road that was less arduous.

I thought I was taking the coward's way out as I set off, pedalling uphill around a lady in holiday clothes walking some massive bear-like dog which came bounding up to me.

He batted at me with a paw and his claw gouged a dramatic looking wound into my calf.

So much for the coward's way.

Despite the 'attack' I still think I was better off taking on the over zealous dog than the mountain trails!

Dragon's Den was inspiration for new Northants business



A Northamptonshire mum has set up her own business in the town she lives in after watching BBC's Dragon's Den.

Mum-of-three Sarah Gibbs, from Corby, has made the big move after being inspired by a sales pitch by founder of Mum2Mum, Cath Harrop.

Sarah said: "I first found out about Mum2mum market when I sat down to watch Dragons Den, Cath was telling the dragons how mum2mum market was born. When she explained that she wanted to sell franchises all over the UK I thought, wow! That's just what Corby needs."

Sarah's launch event in Corby, is on Saturday, May 14 at the Grampian club from 12-2pm.

Stalls must be booked in advance via the website www.mum2mummarket.co.uk

Mum2mum allows mums (and dads) to buy and sell their nearly new baby and children's items such as designer prams, cots, toys and clothes.



Recyclebots inspire pupils to get recycling

As part of its drive to educate children on recycling, Mick George Ltd with the help of its futuristic friends the Recyclebot.Bots are giving school children in Northamptonshire the chance to win £1,000 for their school and a trip to a waste and recycling depot.

The initiative aimed at providing youngsters with a better understanding of the impact that waste has on the environment, encourages them to reduce, re-use and recycle for a greener future.

Keen to bring a fresh and fun approach to the topic, Mick George Ltd has set the challenge

for children, alone, in pairs or small groups to create their very own Recycle.Bot out of recyclable materials whilst providing information on special superpowers to help the environment.

Each participating pupil will receive a Recycle.Bot badge and certificate, along with a waste and recycling guide filled with facts and tips on how to reduce waste and help protect the environment.

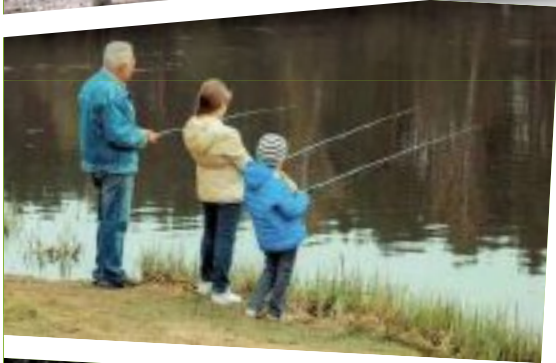
All entrants should be received by May 30 at www.mickgeorge.co.uk/recyclebots, with a photograph of your Recycle.Bot uploaded by July 1.

The three Regional winners will be selected on July 11, with the winning applicant as well as their school and classmates being rewarded with the prizes on offer.

Jon Stump, Finance Director at Mick George Ltd commented: "As with many of our initiatives, we're continuously engaging with local schools to help educate on important matters that will influence children forever. The Recycle.Bots is no different."

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New street bears WW1 hero's name

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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First World War hero Lt Col Bernard Vann VC has been honoured by the official unveiling of a new street bearing his name.

A ceremony was held at Barratt Vann Close in Rushden to commemorate the Rushden-born soldier, who was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross for his leadership during an enemy attack in 1918.

Lt Col Vann also received the Military Cross and Bar and the Croix de Guerre for his bravery during his time in the armed forces.

The event, at Barratt Homes' Lancaster Manor development, was attended by members of the Rushden branch of the Royal British Legion, the Vann family, town Mayor Kaye Rawlins, town councillors, representatives of Barratt Homes, Rushden & District History Society members, East Northamptonshire Council, county councillor Sue Homer, pupils from Rushden Primary Academy and representatives of the



HONOUR: Representatives of the Mercian Regiment with the sign

Mercian Regiment (formally the Sherwood Foresters).

A street sign detailing the history of the name's meaning was unveiled during the ceremony.

The sign reads: "Lt Col The Rev Bernard Vann VC, MC & Bar and Croix de Guerre was born in Rushden. During WW1, he was the Commanding Officer of 1st/6th Battalion the Sherwood Foresters and killed in action near

Ramicourt on 3rd Oct 1918 leading his battalion in attack.

"He was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross for his fine leadership during the attack at Bellenglise and Lehaucourt on 29th Sep 1918."

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This and many of his early films were shot at Gainsborough Studios which, in their film-production heyday, served as everything from mad professor's laboratory to railway station, to 19th century manor house to mermaid's lair.

Hitchcock shot his first suspense thriller, *The Lodger*, there, as well as his 1926 masterpiece, *The Lady Vanishes*. However, at the start of the Second World War, the building's huge chimney was deemed a liability during air raids, and the studio was sold in 1949.

After starting life as a power station, then going into the movie business, the building in



London's Hoxton has also been used as a whisky store, housed theatre productions, a boxing scene in Guy Ritchie's film *Snatch* and a fashion show by Alexander McQueen.

Much of it was demolished in 2002 and flats were built on the site, but as a nod to its cinematic past, you'll find a huge sculpture of Hitchcock's head in the centre of Gainsborough Studios' four apartment blocks.

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Fab four fan buys a Starr home

BEATLES fanatic Jackie Homes has added Ringo Starr's childhood home to her growing property portfolio.

She's already bagged George Harrison's childhood home and John Lennon's mum's house, and paid £70,000 for the drummer's mid-terrace house in Admiral Grove, Liverpool, where young Ringo – then Richard Starkey – learnt to play the drums.

The modest Victorian property, which he called home until he was 21, had a guide price of £55,000 and even had pre-auction interest from the USA, before the sale in Liverpool's legendary Cavern Club.

Homes bought John Lennon's mum Julia's home in Blomfield Road for £155,000 a couple of years ago; although he lived nearby in Allerton, Liverpool, with Aunt Mimi, the Beatle was a regular visitor to the house.

And she's also previously snapped up George Harrison's former home at 26 Upton Green, in Speke, for £156,000.

Unfortunately, Homes hasn't got the set as last year, Sir Paul McCartney's childhood home at 72 Western Avenue, Speke, was bought for £150,000 by a local mystery buyer. She plans to rent out Ringo and George's childhood homes, but will soon move from London to Liverpool to live in Julia Lennon's former house.

Ringo's childhood home still attracts fans daily as it's part of the official Beatles Tour. Former tenant Margaret Gorse who died last year, had lived there for 37 years and used to invite people inside to take a look.

Meanwhile, his birthplace at 9 Madryn Street in the city was at risk of being demolished but now looks likely to be refurbished as part of a new development.



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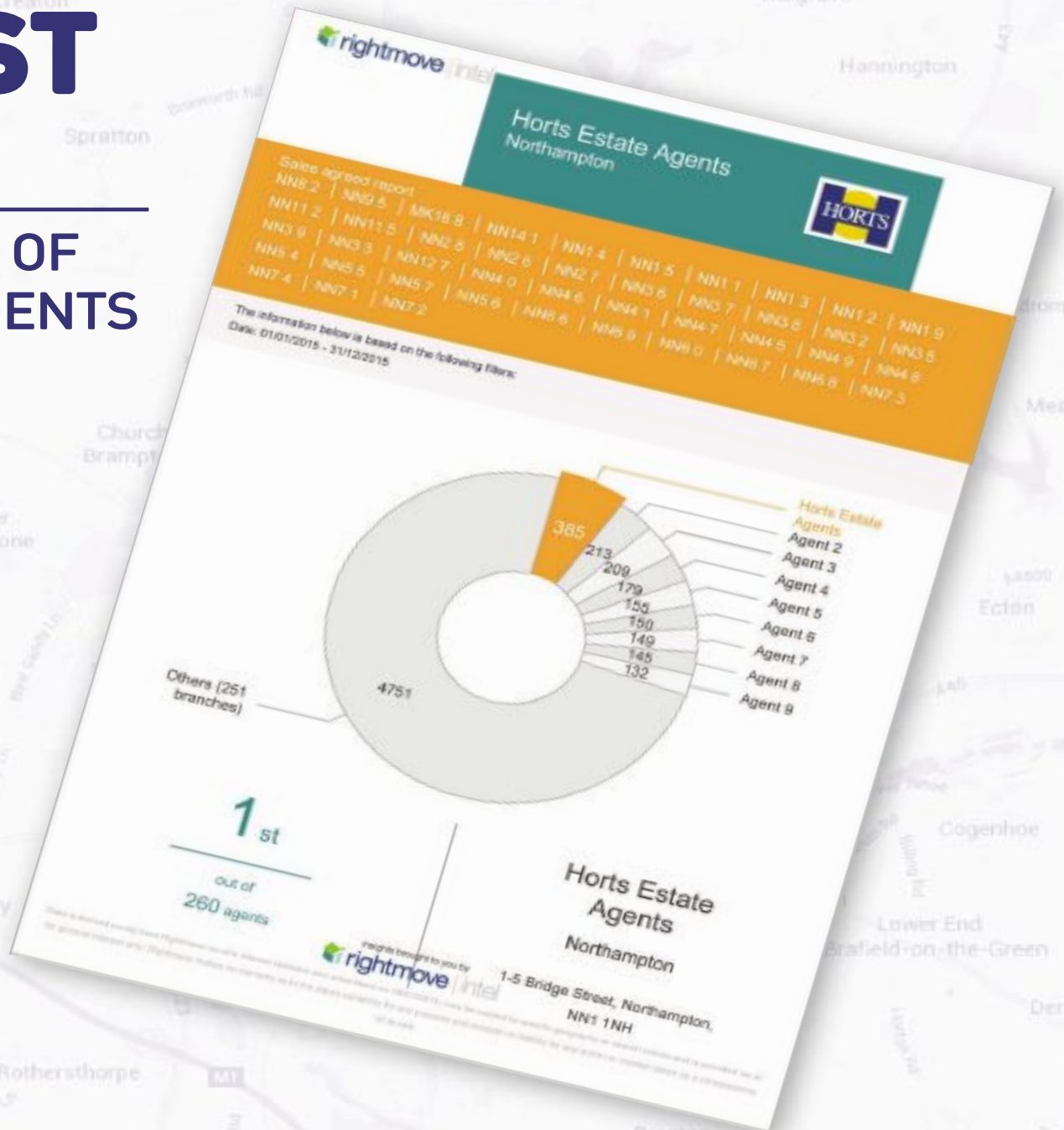
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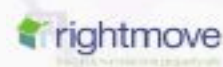


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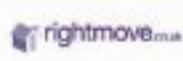
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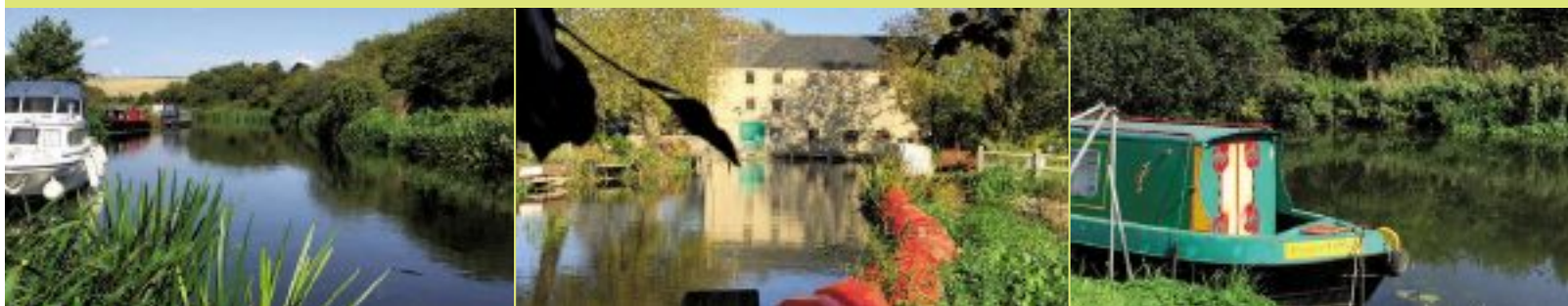
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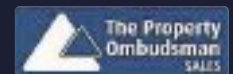


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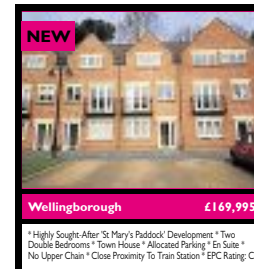
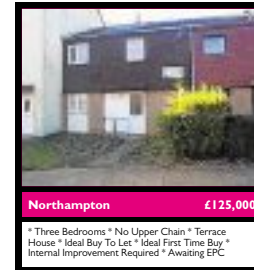
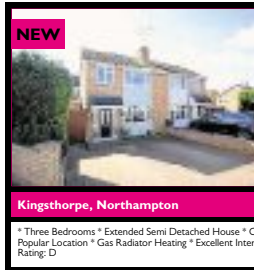




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WHAT'S ON ROUND-UP

Could Becoming Hattie help Jo in modern life?

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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Audiences can enjoy a thoughtful, funny and affectionate look at the life and career of comedian Hattie Jacques.

It's 1974 and eight-year-old Jo is snuggled up on the settee in her flammable polyester nightie, watching the family's first colour TV.

Eating arctic roll and reading 'Jackie' magazine, she is idly glancing at the telly when the hit comedy programme Sykes starring Eric Sykes comes on BBC1.

Jo is suddenly riveted by what she is watching.

There, on the screen, is a woman unlike anyone Jo has ever seen, a woman unlike anyone else on TV.

Jo knows, in that moment, the woman before her is uniquely like the woman she herself will become.

That woman is Hattie Jacques.

Forty years later and Jo is indeed walking in the footsteps of her idol.

Despite the uncertainty, the periods of unemployment, the agent who seems to care more about raking in a quick buck than advancing her career, Jo is an actress. But is there a place for her in TV, film or theatre?

Why does she only get cast



as the nurse, never the surgeon? Why is she always the council estate mum in Casualty with the dodgy kid, the high pony tail and the pack of pitbulls? Why is she too fat to play Lady Macbeth? Can Hattie help Jo find the answers to this modern mystery?

Could it be that nothing has changed for women like Jo

since Hattie did Carry On?

Proteus Theatre's production of Becoming Hattie comes to The Castle in Wellingborough on April 27 at 7.45pm.

Tickets are £10.

These are available from 01933 270 007 or online at www.thecastle.org.uk

The play is suitable for ages 15 plus.



County's arts cinema listings this week

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER

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Here are the listings for Northamptonshire arts cinemas this week:

Errol Flynn Filmhouse

■ Black Mountain Poets

Thursday

■ Marguerite

Thursday

■ Truth (pictured)

Newsroom drama detailing the 2004 CBS 60 Minutes report investigating then-President George W. Bush's military service, and the subsequent firestorm of criticism that cost anchor Dan Rather and producer Mary Mapes their careers.

Friday, Tuesday and Wednesday

■ The Ones Below

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■ Court

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Sunday

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■ Bone Tomahawk

Thursday

■ High Rise

Friday-Tuesday

■ Hotel Transylvania 2

Saturday-Sunday

■ Anomalisa

Monday-Tuesday

■ The Witch

Wednesday

To book tickets call 01604 837300.

WHAT'S ON ROUND-UP

Mouth of the South to hit The Cube

After a sell out autumn tour, Rob Beckett, the star of BBC's Live At The Apollo, Mock The Week and Channel 4's 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown, is back on the road.

On his spring tour of the UK he will be making a stop at The Core at Corby Cube.

Back with his brand new show Mouth Of The South, he's taking on the big issues such as Kit Kats and flatbread.

Rob burst onto the comedy circuit only five years ago but within his first year he had won four new act competitions including Amused Moose Laugh Off, Outside The Box New Act of the Year, Leicester Square Theatre New Act of the Year and Reading Comedy Festival New Act of the Year, as well as being nominated for the prestigious Adelaide Fringe Best Newcomer Award.

After quickly establishing himself on the

circuit, Rob's cheeky chappy persona saw him winning fans by starring on numerous TV shows including; ITV1's Sunday Night At The Palladium, Would I Lie To You on BBC1, ITV2's I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here Now! (2012, 2013 and 2014), Celebrity Juice, Drunk History on Comedy Central plus the recently aired Play To The Whistle and The Jonathan Ross Show on ITV1.

Rob hosts a weekly afternoon show on Absolute Radio and Rock 'N' Roll Football airs every Sunday between 2pm and 6pm.

Tickets for Rob's show on Thursday, May 12 cost from £14.50.

These can either be booked online at <http://www.thecorecorby.com> or by calling 01536 470470.

The show, which lasts 110 minutes, starts at 8pm and is recommended for age 14+.

Bryson tops the bill at Earl's summer festival

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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The county is gearing up for the 13th Althorp Literary Festival.

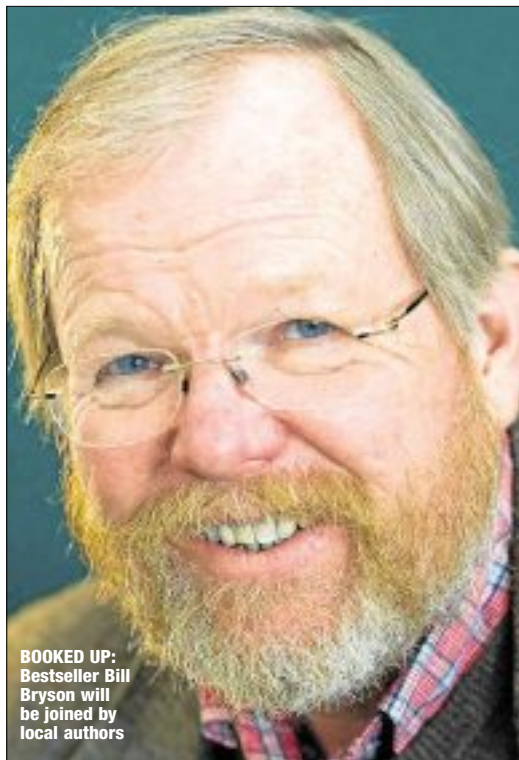
This year's line-up includes Britain's bestselling non-fiction author, Bill Bryson, screenwriter Andrew Davies – whose most recent triumphs include War and Peace, and actor Brian Blessed – among many others.

Earl Spencer, who runs the festival, said: "I took as the theme of this year's Althorp line-up 'originality' – only one of the speakers has been to any of my previous literary festivals – and that's Bill Bryson.

"I have resisted the temptation to stick with past successes, and have gone for freshness and diversity.

"It's a lip-smacking line-up." This year's line-up also features a number of local authors including Sue Bentley, Christine L. Corton, Lord Charles FitzRoy and Damian Collins, MP.

Also in attendance will be: racehorse trainer Henrietta Knight, Today broadcaster James Naughtie, journalist, presenter and Labour peer Joan Bakewell, television personality and heritage campaigner Loyd Grossman, former Governor of the Bank of England Mervyn King, comedian and columnist Sara Pascoe, historian and television presenter Suzannah Lipscomb, renowned director Sir Richard Eyre, popular Classic



BOOKED UP: Bestseller Bill Bryson will be joined by local authors

FM presenter John Suchet, cricket authority Simon Hughes, investigative journalist and biographer Tom Bower, veteran radio presenter Paul Gambaccini, author and biographer Paula Byrne, and one of Britain's greatest

experts on Shakespeare, Sir Jonathan Bate. For further details about the festival and to book tickets go on line to spencerofalthorp.com

The festival runs from Thursday, June 30 to Sunday, July 3, at Althorp House.

Podcast guru brings stand up to stage

Stand-up comedian Stuart Goldsmith comes to town with his new show An Hour later this month.

Described as multiple award-bridesmaid, podcast guru and innovator, Stuart is the creator of the Comedian's Comedian pod-

cast, with more than 150 episodes and more than four million downloads.

Launched in 2012, each episode sees him interview a comedian about how they approach their profession.

Goldsmith can be seen at The Underground at Royal

& Derngate in Northampton tomorrow, Friday, April 15 at 8pm.

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Raymond Froggatt on stage in Kettering

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Mark Steel comes to Kettering Arts Centre

Comedian Mark Steel takes his audience on a sidesplitting search of identity in his newest stand up show, Who Do I Think I Am? On reaching a landmark stage in his life the regular BBC1 Have I Got News for You panelist is taking a wry inward look into the person he is, or could be. Show starts at 8pm and tickets cost £15. Call 07759765824 to book.

360 Motor Racing Club at Rockingham Circuit

Rockingham plays host to the 360 Motor Racing Club for the opening round of the Endurance Racing Series and The 360 Allcomers Series. The Endurance Racing Series sees up to six classes battling for honours over three hours. The fastest class is titled GT Unlimited and sees GT3 spec cars battling with exotic machinery such as Daytona Prototypes and Mosler's. Following hot on their heels is a class for Porsche Cup and Ferrari Challenge type cars. Tickets £12. Call 01536 500500 to book.

SUNDAY

Try canal boating for free in Braunston

Drifters Waterway Holidays and the Canal & River Trust are offering people the chance to try canal boating for free at Union Canal Carriers, Bottom Lock, Braunston. The taster sessions will include free trips on skippered narrowboats as well as boat tours and holiday discounts. No booking is required. 11am-4pm.



American Restoration

American Restoration is not many people's usual television diet. It has been on my menu for a while now so I am used to its quirks and eccentricities.

On the previous occasions I watched it, the main man in charge was Rick Dale who was based in Las Vegas.

He and his team would take important items from the customers and restore them, turning them from trash to treasure.

This current series is all change with no Rick but a whole new team of five different restoration businesses.

This gives the viewer an assortment of restoration projects to watch which will be completed by the end of the hour.

As the cast has changed so has the variety and number of jobs.

This can only be good for the viewer who has more to see.

I enjoy watching what they do, how they do it and how the project finally turns out.

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MOTORING NEWS

Redefining the SUV sector

The first versions of the dynamic new Tiguan SUV have opened for order.

Designed and engineered to redefine the compact SUV segment the new model introduces class-leading levels of interior space, practicality and safety while also debuting cutting-edge technology and connectivity.

The Tiguan brings previously unseen levels of quality and refinement to its sector with a premium look that belie its price.

The first new Volkswagen SUV to sit on the innovative and flexible MQB platform – which also underpins the Volkswagen Golf – the new car signals the start of a comprehensive SUV offensive which will see the brand represented in all core SUV segments over time.

By virtue of its cutting edge MQB underpinnings the new Tiguan debuts exceptional levels of safety and connectivity.

Standard from entry will be a raft of safety features such as Front Assist, City Emergency Braking and Pedestrian Monitoring, while hi-tech features available for the first time in a Tiguan include Active Info Display, Head-Up Display, Area View and Trailer Assist.

Perfectly proportioned, and shaped to develop the character



of the original best-selling Tiguan, the new car balances clean lines with a powerful, dynamic stance.

With a 33mm reduction in height versus the outgoing car to 1,632mm, and a 30mm growth in width to 1,839mm, the model now exhibits an even more sleek, confident shape. At 4,486mm in length it is also 60mm longer than its predecessor. The wheelbase has been significantly extended to 2,681mm – a gain of 77mm. At the front, in particular,

the unit formed by the radiator grille and optional LED projection headlights reinforces the car's powerful impression.

The SUV design is taken up consistently inside too. The cockpit, for example, is now aligned towards the driver for better comfort and without constricting the airy impression. At the same time, the wider centre console typical of SUVs is paired with the new 4MOTION Active Control rotary switch to create a defining interior element with a premium

feel. The extended engine range gives customers the greatest possible choice for power, style and comfort. A broad line-up has been created to appeal to the widest possible customer base.

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Motoring News

Golf GTI Clubsport Edition 40 Is Here

'Iconic' is, perhaps, a word bandied around all too freely but, when applied to the mould-breaking Golf GTI, it can be used with genuine justification. The car that popularised the 'hot hatch' phenomenon is 40 years old in 2016 and, to mark the occasion, Volkswagen has created the most potent iteration of the GTI to date.

Available to order in Volkswagen UK Retailers now, the specially commissioned Golf GTI Clubsport Edition 40 celebrates four decades of a true automotive icon. Powering this addition to the GTI range is a 2.0-litre turbocharged direct-injection engine that delivers 265 PS, making it the most powerful Golf GTI yet.



Dacia Unveils Value-Enhancing Special Editions

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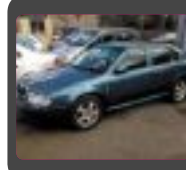
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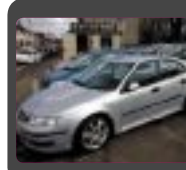
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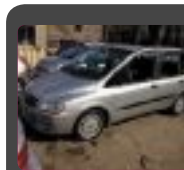
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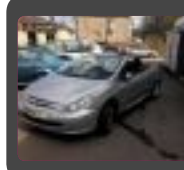
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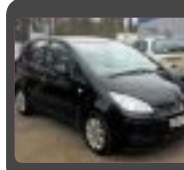
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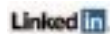
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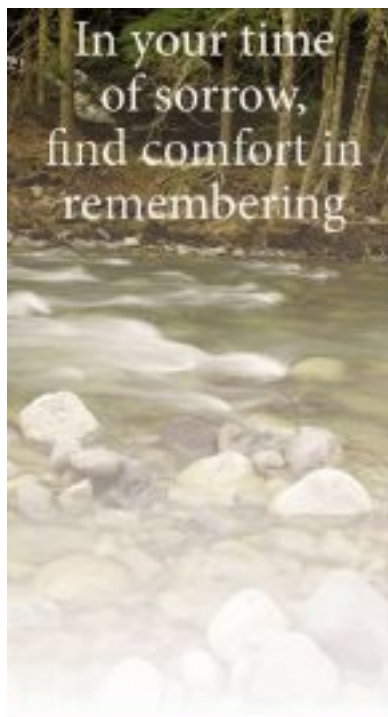
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along those lengths of High Street and Kislingbury Road, Bugbrooke as set out below.

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (SLAPTON ROAD, WOODEND) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Slapton Road, Woodend as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Slapton Road, Woodend from Blakesley Road to Road to Green Park.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway repairs and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 9th May 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for up to three days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Blakesley Road and Main Street.

Dated this 14th day of April 2016

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of LGSS Law

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If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp on 01604-883400.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (BURCOTE ROAD, TOWCESTER) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Burcote Road, Towcester as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Burcote Road, Towcester from the junction of Highfields for 200 metres south.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required to enable 278 works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 28th May 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 6th May.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Burcote Road, A43, Brackley Road, A5 and Burcote Road.

Dated this 14th day of April 2016

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Director of LGSS Law

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Legal Notices

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (POUND LANE, EASTCOTE & GAYTON ROAD, TIFFIELD) (30 MPH LIMIT) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order under Sections 82 & 83 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to prohibit any motor vehicle from travelling at a speed exceeding 30 mph along those lengths of road as specified in the Schedule below.

A COPY of the proposed Order, together with plans showing the exact lengths of roads to which it relates and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order, may be inspected at Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road, Northampton during normal office hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or of any provisions contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act, or of any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may, within six weeks from the date of this Notice apply to the High Court for this purpose.

This Order will become effective on the 15th April 2016.

Dated this 14th day of April 2016

QUENTIN BAKER

Director of LGSS Law

DSW/1534

SCHEDULE

1. Pound Lane, Eastcote – between its junction with Birds Hill Road and a point 164 metres north of that junction.
2. Gayton Road, Tiffeld – between its junction with High Street North and a point 230 metres west of that junction.

Insolvency Notices

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (LIME STREET, IRTHLINGBOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Lime Street, Irlingham as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Lime Street, Irlingham from Lime Terrace to Malthouse Close.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during repairs to leaking water valve.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 26th April 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for three days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Manor Drive and Station Road.

Dated this 14th day of April 2016

QUENTIN BAKER

Director of LGSS Law

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (TANNER STREET, NORTHAMPTON) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order under Sections 1 to 5 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") to prohibit motor vehicles from proceeding in either direction along that length of Tanner Street between its junction with St Peter's Way and its junction with Towcester Road.

A COPY of the Order, together with plans showing the exact lengths of roads to which it relates and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order, may be inspected at Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road Northampton during normal office hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or of any provisions contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act, or of any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may, within six weeks from the date of this Notice apply to the High Court for this purpose.

This Order will become effective on the 15th April 2016.

Dated this 14th day of April 2016

QUENTIN BAKER

Director of LGSS Law

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (BRADDEN ROAD, GREENS NORTON) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Bradden Road, Greens Norton as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Bradden Road, Greens Norton from Falcon Way to Smithland Court.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway repairs and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 25th April 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for one day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Bury Hill, Blakesley Hill and High Street.

Dated this 14th day of April 2016

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Director of LGSS Law

PKG/T16/098

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please contact Gary Thorp on 01604-883400.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PLUMPTON ROAD, WOODEND) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Plumpton Road, Woodend as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Plumpton Road, Woodend from Lower Road to 50 metres passed entrance to Oakley Bank Farm.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during repairs to Anglian Water service.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 4th May 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for up to three days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Main Street, Blakesley Road, Towcester Road, Wappenham Road, Abthorpe Road, High Street, Weedon Lois Road, Wappenham Road, High Street and Weston Road.

Dated this 14th day of April 2016

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of LGSS Law

PKG/T16/132

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Insolvency Notices

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY
COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATHS KU3 (PART),
KU16 (PART), KU20 - PARISH OF GREAT
HOUGHTON; PUBLIC FOOTPATH KV1 - PARISH
OF LITTLE HOUGHTON & PUBLIC FOOTPATH
HW37 - BOROUGH OF NORTHAMPTON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which is to prohibit all pedestrians from proceeding along those lengths of Public Footpaths as specified below. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said lengths of footpaths is unaffected.

RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: The existing route of KU16 (part) to be closed begins at point A at National Grid Reference ('NGR') SP7808 5991. The route travels generally north east for approximately 1307 metres to point B at NGR SP7920 6034.

The route is shown by a solid black line between points A - B. The existing route KU20 to be closed starts at point C at NGR SP7920 6034. The route travels generally east past point B for approximately 136 metres to point D at NGR SP7930 6032.

The route is shown by a solid black line between points C - D. The route of KV1 to be closed starts at point D at NGR SP7930 6032. The route travels generally south east for approximately 333 metres to point E at NGR SP7953 6010. The route is shown by a solid black line between points D - E. The route of KU3 (part) to be closed starts at point E at NGR SP7953 6010. The route travel generally southeast then south west for approximately 108 metres to point F at NGR SP7951 5999.

The route to be closed is shown by a solid black line between points E - F. The route of HW37 to be closed starts at point C at NGR SP7920 6034. The route travels generally north east for approximately 531 metres to point G at NGR SP7922 6083. The route is shown by a solid black line between points C - G.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for repair works to spillway, embankment and erosion protection.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The Order will come into effect on 28th April 2016 and will continue in force for a period of six months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for this Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such extent as is indicated by the display of notices.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: The alternative route starts for all routes starts at point F at NGR SP7951 5999, at the junction with KU17. The route travels generally west then north west for a total distance of approximately 1732 metres to point A at NGR SP7808 5991. The route then travels generally south along footpath KU16 and KN16 for a total distance of approximately 421 metres to point H at NGR SP7791 5955. The route travels along the highway footway of Bedford Road for approximately 489 metres to point I at NGR SP7744 5964. The route then travels generally north east along the highway footway known as part of the Nene Valley Way for approximately 2290 metres to point G at NGR SP7922 6083.

The alternative route is shown by a broken black line between point K - A - H - I

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Director of LGSS Law

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Insolvency Notices

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY
COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATHS RX1A, RX2A,
RX3 (PART) & RX4 (PART) - PARISH OF
SILVERSTONE)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which is to prohibit all pedestrians from proceeding along those lengths of Public Footpaths as specified below. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said lengths of footpaths is unaffected.

RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: The existing route of RX4 (part) to be closed begins at point A on the map at National Grid Reference ('NGR') SP6718 4354. The route travels generally north east for approximately 44 metres to point B at NGR SP6720 4358. The route continues north east for approximately 136 metres to point C at NGR SP6725 4366. It then continues north east for approximately 26 metres to point D at NGR SP6726 4368. It then travels a further 44 metres north east to point E at NGR SP6726 4371, at the junction with footpath RX3.

The route is shown by a solid black line between points A - B - C - D - E.

The route of RX3 (part) to be closed starts at point D at NGR SP6726 4368. The route travels generally north west for approximately 35 metres to point E at NGR SP6726 4371. It then travels north east for approximately 75 metres to point F at NGR SP6723 4378. It then heads north west for a further 51 metres to point G at NGR SP6720 4382.

The route is shown by a solid black line between points D - E - F - G.

The route of RX1a to be closed starts at point B at NGR SP6720 4358. The route travels generally north west for approximately 125 metres to point H at NGR SP6716 4396. The route then travels generally north east for approximately 114 metres to point F at NGR SP6723 4378.

The route is shown by a solid black line between points B - H - F.

The route of RX2a to be closed starts at point C at NGR SP6725 4366. It travels generally north west for approximately 99 metres to point H at NGR SP6716 4396.

The route is shown by a solid black line between points C - H. **REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for a residential development and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The Order will come into effect on 1st May 2016 and will continue in force for a period of six months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for this Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such extent as is indicated by the display of notices.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: The alternative route of RX3 and RX4 starts at point A at NGR SP6718 4354. The route travels generally north east to point I at NGR SP6727 4370. The route then travels generally north west for approximately 304 metres to point G at NGR SP6720 4382.

The alternative route is shown by a broken black line between points A - I - G.

The alternative route of RX1a and RX2a starts at point H at NGR SP6716 4396. The alternative route travels generally north west along Murswell Lane for approximately 131 metres to point J at NGR SP6704 4374, on Towcester Road. The route then travels generally north east along the highway footway of Towcester Road for approximately 206 metres to point K at NGR SP6710 4393. The route then joins up with RX3 and heads south east for a total distance of 22 metres to point G at NGR SP6720 4382.

The route is shown by a broken black line between points H - J - K - G.

Dated this 14th day of April 2016

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of LGSS Law

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If you require any further information please call Andrew Merchant on 01675 437000.

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Planning Notices

**NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT
PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990
THE TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING
(ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2011**

- N/2015/1379 Land At Former 31, Ash Street**
Erection of apartment block for 10 flats and carparking. Application does not accord with the provisions of the Development Plan. Affecting the setting of a Conservation Area. Major Application.
- N/2016/0270 41 St Johns Street**
Variation of Condition 12 of N/2004/1071 (refurbishment of Listed Building to provide 13no residential flats and flexible units) to amend opening hours to 06.00 till midnight Monday to Sunday. Within a Conservation Area.
- N/2016/0309 26 Burns Street**
Change of use from dwelling house (Use Class C3) into house in multiple occupation for up to 4 occupants (Use Class C4). Within a Conservation Area.
- N/2016/0319 Temporary Car Park, Great Russell Street**
Erect 24 maisonettes. Major Application. Within a Conservation Area. Application does not accord with the provisions of the Development Plan.
- N/2016/0326 62 Billing Road**
Change of use from offices (Use class B1) to a single dwelling (Use class C3) with a rear extension and a new two storey garage in the rear garden, new front boundary wall and gate. Within a Conservation Area.
- N/2016/0358 11 Craven Street**
Single storey rear extension. Within a Conservation Area.
- N/2016/0393 7 Spencer Parade**
Change of use from offices (Use Class B1a) to 12no. one and two bed flats together with ancillary storage in the basement. Installation of metal stairs to rear, alterations to existing windows and insertion of roof light and window and associated works. Major Application. Within a Conservation Area. Listed Building.
- N/2016/0395 7 Spencer Parade**
Internal and external alterations to convert building to residential use including removal and part removal of internal walls and doors, installation of partition walls, insertion of new doors, installation of bathroom extraction and ducting with grille extracts to rear and side elevations, installation of metal stairs to rear, insertion of new window and roof light to rear elevation. Alterations to existing windows, including replacement and bricking up of various windows and replacement of existing metal windows within the main listed building. Within a Conservation Area. Listed Building.
- N/2016/0412 Development of Land South of Bedford Road off, Lilliput Road**
Demolition of farmhouse, associated buildings and the residential property of 'Little Norway'. Construction of two warehouse and distribution units (Use Class B8) with ancillary office accommodation, together with earthworks, access, service yards, parking arrangements, landscaping and other associated infrastructure including creation of footpath. Application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment. Application does not accord with the provisions of the Development Plan. Affecting the setting of Listed Buildings. Affecting the setting of a Conservation Area. Major Application. Affecting a Public Right of Way. Applicant: Roxhill Developments Limited. Members of the public may obtain copies of the documentation on CD for £10 by contacting - Planning Division, The Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton, or email planning@northampton.gov.uk.
- Members of the public may inspect copies of any application, plans and any other documentation submitted by visiting the Council Offices, One Stop Shop, The Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE during all reasonable office hours. Alternatively the plans can be viewed via the Council's website (www.northampton.gov.uk) using the Search for Planning Applications page. This will also tell you the current status of the application together with other useful information. Anyone who wishes to make representations about any applications should write to the Planning Division, Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton NN1 1DE or email planning@northampton.gov.uk by: 5 May 2016**
- S P Boyes, Director - Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning
Northampton Borough Council**

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Licensing Notices

**Goods Vehicle
Operator's Licence**

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Myler not feeling pressure ahead of crucial derby

RUGBY UNION

Stephen Myler is hoping Northampton Saints embrace the occasion against Leicester Tigers this weekend and not worry about the pressure an East Midlands derby brings.

Matches against the Tigers always mean a lot, even on occasions when it is just local pride to play for, but the upcoming clash at Franklin's Gardens is likely to be pivotal in their season.

A victory over the side four points ahead of them in the Premiership in front of a sold-out home crowd would keep their hopes of reaching the play-offs very much alive.

However, defeat would leave Northampton needing a miracle to make the top four, meaning there is likely to be plenty of tension in the air come Saturday evening.

Myler said: "I'm not sure pressure is the right word, you can't really think of it like that. It's an opportunity for us to be here against Leicester, to get a win and get ourselves more points.

"Yes, there is a lot riding on it, but it's important to embrace the occasion and not to be overawed by it – that's the key message I've taken from many years playing in these occasions."

Northampton's last two home games against Leicester have ended in victory, including that famous Premiership semi-final in May 2014, and Myler believes these experiences will be helpful.

He said: "Those kinds of experiences are good to draw on and we also take confidence from what we've done this year. We haven't quite hit the heights of previous seasons, but we've still got confidence in what we can do."

It was a cruel end in the reverse fixture at Welford Road in January, where Freddie Burns' penalty with the very last kick condemned Saints to defeat after they had fought back brilliantly in the second half.

There were a few calls against them that day that made them feel aggrieved, but Myler insisted they will not be thinking about revenge this weekend.

He said: "That game has gone. If we could turn the clock back we would and hopefully we'd handle it differently and the outcome would be different but, like I said, it's gone and we can't worry about that.

"It's not about revenge, it's about this week and getting four points, maybe five points, you just don't know and you have to play the game, respect it for what it is and try to find a way to win.

"It always helps on these occasions to come out the blocks early, come out the blocks well and impose yourselves."



CRUEL END: Saints lost out at Welford Road



BRIGHT FUTURE: Harry Mallinder has impressed at inside centre since breaking into Northampton Saints' first team midway through the season

Mallinder Junior enjoying his breakout campaign

RUGBY UNION

BY MATT WRIGHT
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It's been a breakthrough season at Northampton Saints for Harry Mallinder ever since he burst into everyone's thoughts with his winning try against Glasgow Warriors in January.

The son of Saints director of rugby Jim Mallinder has fitted into the first team seamlessly since the turn of the year, impressing in particular at centre although he can also fill in at full back.

The 19-year-old played a massive part in Northampton reaching the quarter finals of this season's Champions Cup by following up his late heroics against Glasgow with the opening try at the Scarlets.

He won the man of the match award in both games and has

played a big part in his side's push for the play-offs, which looks to rest on this Saturday's clash with Leicester Tigers.

Mallinder said: "I can't complain really, it was a great way to start and since then I've just eased into it and it's just been nice to get a run of games at the top level.

"I was very fortunate and I was in the right place at the right time. I was rewarded, in a way, for the hard work that the team put in with that kick from Stephen Myler for that try against Glasgow.

"In other instances – team tries – I was fortunate enough to finish them off."

His father admitted he needed the counsel of his coaching staff more than usual before deciding when to push him into the first team picture and Harry isn't fazed by the arrangement.

"I do get asked a lot what it's like to play under my dad," he said, "but it's something I'm used to – he's my dad and he's my coach and

we just crack on with what we have to do.

"The academy coaches have been great with me in the last few years and they still look after me, Digger [Paul Diggins] and Hoppers [Mark Hopley], and more recently Alex King and Alan [Dickens] have been helping me with my game."

Mallinder was on the bench when Northampton suffered a heart-breaking 30-27 defeat to Leicester at Welford Road in January and is now set to face the Tigers for the first time this weekend.

The match at Franklin's Gardens is sold out and it is one Saints cannot afford to lose against a side already four points ahead of them in the race for the play-offs.

Mallinder is aware of how much an East Midlands derby means at the best of times, saying: "I've lived in Northampton for about nine years now and I've been in the stands, I've been pitchside ball boy."

"It will be great to hopefully be involved in one this weekend and make a difference.

"It's an East Midlands derby, it's a massive game so we're just looking forward to getting into it. The result is big and we know if we play like we have done in parts this season, that performance will be there and the result will come."

It's unclear yet how many of Saints walking wounded, which amounted to double figures for last week's Champions Cup quarter final at Saracens, will return on Saturday.

But Mallinder believes they can take confidence from their performance at Allianz Park, despite the 29-20 defeat, saying: "I thought for large parts of that game we played very well.

"We can take a lot from that game and hopefully transfer it to this weekend, but Leicester have got threats all over the field and they're in great form at the minute so we'll have to shut them down."

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Duckett's history bid is washed out



NEW HEIGHTS: Duckett salutes his 200

CRICKET

Ben Duckett started the new County Championship season with a remarkable 282 not out against Sussex, but was left wondering what might have been after a wet outfield meant no play was possible on the final two days at Wantage Road.

Duckett hit his seventh career century, smashing his previous best of 154 en route to posting Northants' highest individual score for ten years, and the eighth best of all time.

However, shortly before tea on the second day, with Duckett 18 short of 300, the players left the field for bad light, with Northants 481-7, having been put in to bat by Sussex.

They wouldn't return, as overnight rain left the outfield so sodden that the match was abandoned as a draw an hour before play was supposed to begin on the final morning, denying Duckett his shot at creating history.

If he had reached 300, the 21-year-old would have become the youngest triple centurion in County Championship history, a record held by ex-Northants batsman David Sales, who plundered Essex for an unbeaten 303 in 1999.

"Words cannot describe how gutted I am" Duckett tweeted on Wednesday morning after play had been called off. "Very frustrating two days, just want to thank everyone for their amazing support."

"I have never wanted rain to stay away as much as the past few days. And unfortunately it hasn't."

While initially disappointed at missing out on 300, Duckett's knock remains a stunning way to start a season with him picking up where he left off last summer, ending the 2015 season with 120 against Surrey in his final innings of the year.

It was also a fifth Championship century in nine matches, as he continues to flourish since moving to the top of the order mid-way through last summer and he said he wouldn't reign in his positive approach.

"I can't forget about how I finished off [last season] and I'm just trying to take that into this year and play positively," he said.

"That's how I got my runs last season and there's going to be times where I might have people on my back for the shots that I play but on my day it'll come off."

"It hasn't really hit me yet. There was a bit of luck, a few edges over the slips and a couple of drops, but I guess that's got to happen if you're going to get big runs."



'The chairman came in and told me to liven up' - Wilder

FOOTBALL

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Chris Wilder believes the scenes that greeted Northampton Town's promotion from League Two showed how much the club means to the town in what has been a tumultuous season.

Only a matter of months ago, the future of the Cobblers was in doubt with the prospect of administration looming over them as well as £10.25 million loan from the local council.

Wilder's men were thriving on the pitch at the time, helping to reinforce the bond between players and supporters, and since chairman Kelvin Thomas' takeover in November their form has been magnificent.

It led to them sealing promotion with five games to spare after last Saturday's 2-2 draw with Bristol Rovers and saw jubilant fans invading the pitch at Sixfields in celebration.

Wilder said: "We were a little bit disappointed we didn't get a big three points, but we played well, it was a great atmosphere and great scenes and celebration at the end."

"It just shows what this football club means to the people of Northampton and we're delighted that we've achieved something this year."

"There's still something else we'd like to achieve [the league title], but the first part is done and dusted and we can be very proud of being the first team in the country to get promotion."

Plymouth's defeat against AFC Wimbledon meant that Bristol Rovers' equaliser in the 88th minute didn't matter, although losing a 2-0 lead did play on Wilder's mind in the immediate aftermath of the final whistle.

He was able to quickly get over that disappointment upon seeing his players celebrate their achievement in the changing room and he also had a bit of help from his chairman.

"In a way I'm glad I'm like that," said Wilder, "because it drives me on to want to win and I

think that's been the attitude of the staff and that's rubbed off onto the players."

"It's a good quality to have in a group that we want to win at everything we do, but I was over it pretty quickly – the chairman came in and told me to liven up and I got a grip of myself."

"Then it hits home, the players are celebrating and you go out and see all the supporters and the scenes and it gets quite emotional because then you recognise you've achieved something and what you've done will go down in the record books."

Wilder also paid tribute to his leading scorer Marc Richards, who will miss the rest of the season after having surgery on an Achilles injury.

He said: "I believe he would have gone close to getting 30 goals, which would have been a tremendous achievement. We've undoubtedly missed him and I think any team in any division would have missed their club captain, their leading goalscorer, but the players who came in deserve an enormous amount of credit."

The January transfer window that transformed Town's fortunes

In the last game of 2014 a glum looking Chris Wilder stood on the sidelines at Tranmere Rovers ready to speak to the media.

He had just seen his side slump to a 10th defeat in 12 league games, a disastrous run of form over three months that left the Cobblers just two points above the relegation zone.

"I've just said to some of the players they are free to go," said Wilder at the time.

By the time the next game came around,

Southend United on January 3 2015, Wilder had brought in three new players; Brendan Moloney, Ricky Holmes and Jason Taylor.

In many ways it was the most important transfer window Wilder has had in his time at the club. The three transformed Town from a losing side into a winning one - they gained nine wins from the next 13 games to make a late push for the play-offs.

All three have played their part in the promo-

tion success this year, and for midfield enforcer Taylor he's enjoyed the sensational run of form ever since that January transfer window.

He said: "It's been brilliant. Ever since I came in we've been on a brilliant run of form, even last January when I came in with Brendan and Ricky."

"We've just continued it into this year and we're going really well. The lads are over the moon. We set our target at the start of the season and we've achieved what we wanted."

Silverstone kicks off British Superbike season

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Silverstone's first major event of 2016 saw the MCE British Superbike Championships season get under way and Shane Byrne finished the weekend as overall leader after two second-place finishes.

Four-time champion Byrne, racing for Be Wiser Ducati, finished comfortably behind race

one winner Michael Laverty, but race two was a much closer-run thing with just 0.99 seconds separating him and Peter Hickman.

Northern Ireland's Laverty led the first race on Sunday from start to finish to give the Tyco BMW rider his ninth career win with his teammate Christian Iddon finishing in third to join him and Byrne on the podium. For race two, Honda Racing's

Dan Linfoot started on pole, but was overtaken on the first lap by Hickman, who was then left chasing Laverty.

But the leading trio of JG Speedfit Kawasaki's Hickman, Byrne and Iddon broke away from the rest on the penultimate lap and Byrne looked to have stolen a march on the final corner only for Hickman to go underneath and snatch the win.



OVERALL LEADER: Ducati rider Shane Byrne

Town promotion is a grim story shot with brilliance

GRIPPED BY THE COBBLERS

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In case you missed it, Northampton Town gained promotion from League Two on Saturday. They are top of the division, 12 points clear of their nearest rivals and breaking records like a Velociraptor in a vinyl shop.

Some call it a fairytale recovery after the scandal of the missing £10.25 million loan that saw former Chairman David Cardoza arrested.

Just five months ago, this writer talked to a staff member at Sixfields, unpaid for months, who when describing his duties, began to cry uncontrollable tears at what was happening at the 119-year-old football club.

I saw Cobblers fans trade blows with each other out of sheer frustration at a financial black hole beyond most people's comprehension.

I heard from exhausted members of the Supporters' Trust diligently but terrifyingly preparing for the doomsday scenario of a phoenix club starting again at some god forsaken level of non-league.

Then, sadly, you have the all too human cost. Wonderful supporters like the universally well-liked Rob Dunkley passing on with the club in danger.

Let's not forget the late Brian Lomax who faced his life's work in setting up the first ever support-



TAKE OFF: Nicky Adams celebrates scoring Northampton's opening goal against Bristol Rovers last Saturday

ers' trust unravelling due to the misadventures of improper private owners of the club. Lomax got some comfort from seeing the Trust and the Shoe Army digging deep in every way imaginable.

But, despite everything, we had this team and this manager fighting tooth and nail to provide performances as proud as the supporters rattling their buckets and

selling prized possessions to keep the club alive.

Going to cold, partisan Plymouth on a Tuesday night in January and turning them over. Toe-to-toe with Newcastle as St James' Park and knocking League One Coventry out of the FA Cup when the club looked like it would burn out before the fans' pyros.

The 4-3 win over Luton at Kenilworth Road with the intergalactic Ricky Holmes slamming home an improbable volley in front of the travelling Northampton faithful.

And how faithful they are, 7,000 of them going to Milton Keynes to show that they were still there, still fighting, still the County team.

So now we reflect on a tough as old boots season born out in the jars and scars of a special set of players.

John-Joe O'Toole, Marc Richards, Adam Smith, players that should and will grace a higher division. Dave Buchanan, Zander Diamond

and John Marquis, who could be sponsored by Polyfilla for all the walls they've run through. Then Rod McDonald and Sam Hoskins, young blood with no little technique, boding well for the future.

We have a future at Northampton Town. As the Cobblers fans took to the pitch after Saturday's 2-2 draw with Bristol Rovers the Rovers chant 'Goodnight Irene' rang in their ears after the visitors' late equaliser. It could have been goodnight Northampton not so long ago.

This season has been no fairytale. Instead, a grim story of human toil and heartbreak shot through with moments of brilliance from a once in a generation football team.

Claiming the title will be a shot in the arm for hope. Hope that we'll see justice for those that brought the club to its knees and hope that while supporters stand strong, what happened at the Cobblers will never happen to us or any other club ever again.

Chairman wants title wrapped up



PROUD MAN: Town supremo Kelvin Thomas

Northampton chairman Kelvin Thomas has said the success leading to the club's promotion to League One is down to a collective effort involving everyone at the club - but he now wants a 'C' next to their name instead of a 'P'.

Town need just four points from their last five games to become champions, and that's assuming that Oxford United win each of their remaining games.

A 2-2 draw at home to Bristol Rovers, coupled with a defeat for Plymouth Argyle, was enough to send Town up after an incredible season that looked to be heading more towards doom than glory back in autumn.

For Thomas it was a second promotion alongside manager Chris Wilder - with the duo leading Oxford United to Wembley joy in the Conference Play-Off final in 2010.

That working relationship was renewed in November when Wilder made an impassioned plea for then chairman David Cardoza to sell the club to Thomas, with staff having been unpaid for two months and a HMRC winding up order threatening the very existence of the club.

A few days later the deal was complete, and alongside directors Mike Wailing and David Bower, Thomas set about rebuilding the club. And Saturday's promotion was the culmination of effort from everyone working at the club, the chairman said.

"It's fantastic; we're going into League One," he said. "You've got to be proud and in admiration of all the work that the players and Chris have done."

"It was never in doubt this promotion, was it? It's been fantastic, it was a very proud moment standing up there and seeing the fans on the pitch loving it and enjoying it."

"It's a collective group like Chris talks about all the time. There's a lot of people that have been around this football club a lot longer than us and have worked tremendously hard to get to this point."

"The pressure is off a little now, but we still have to change the 'P' to a 'C', and we've got a few games to do it."



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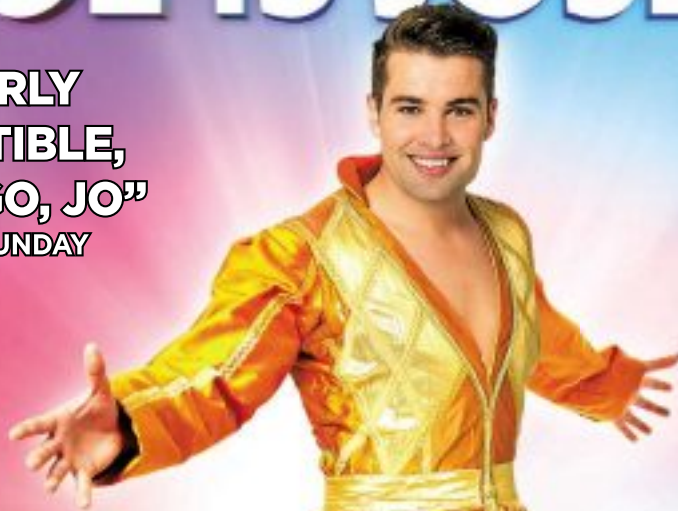
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